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EARLY VIRGINIA FAMILIES

Pyrtle, Davis, Turner, Martin

by

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*"We thank thee, God, but not for wealth or power
Or circumstance attending rapid days.
We thank thee for the dew upon the flower,
For sound of lark heard through the morning's haze.
Yea, Lord of all, we lift our voice in praise
For morning light seen on the eager seas
When early wavelets break in rainbow sprays;
For noonday hum of honey laden bees.
And high above the clover mantled leas
For filmy clouds that drift across the sky
Wafted by breath of blossom perfumed breeze
Whereon the thistle, too, floats idly by.
And most of all, all other gifts above,
We thank thee we have known the gift of Love."*

LEROY V. BRANT

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The combined efforts of all, made this volume possible.

To my parents, who are to me, the embodiment of the unconquerable spirit of the pioneer—who taught us by what they did—who inspired us by what they were—this volume is lovingly dedicated by,

THE AUTHOR

Foreword

by

SADIE PYRTLE McCRYSTAL

In the early Colonial settlements of America probably few of these adventurous settlers realized that they were participating in incidents that marked a turning point in the history of the world. But whatever their thoughts, they were opening a new epoch in world progress and history that was to endure throughout the ages to come.

In this history of settlement of our Virginia forefathers in pioneer life, we have a story of human endeavor, of vitalized ambition—one of joys intermingled with privations, but always interwoven with a woof and warp of courage and determination. It is a story of accomplishment because it is a story of a people who endured hardships in establishing homes in a wilderness, in order that their vision might become a reality, and this civilization planted on the Atlantic seaboard march on and on, and expand into a nation of homebuilding settlers, with an ever westward trend.

Because our forefathers endured the hardships, surrounded by privations and dangers of a primitive life, we have been blessed, for they have bequeathed to us, a nation blessed with a distinctive evidence of Divine favor—a Nation which in history has made progress in the arts, sciences, the prevention of disease, unparalleled progress in education, much progress in bringing about international peace and a world brotherhood of man.

The decendants of these forefathers of Virginia pay tribute to the land of our fathers and to the sons and daughters of both the North and the South, through whose ambition, courage, fortitude, fidelity and vision, the thirteen original colonies have added to the stars of our flag.

To these early Virginia settlers, the author, a grateful decendant, has dedicated this volume in loving appreciation and gratitude for their courage and vision in establishing homes in an unknown land, for their vision in forming an enduring, democratic government out of which has grown this United States of America.

PYRTLE FAMILY HISTORY

Compiled and Written by E. RUTH PYRTLE.

"Two brothers, Henry and John George Pirtle (Pyrtle) came from France (some say Germany) before the Revolutionary War, settling in Maryland or Virginia. They hauled provisions for Washington's troops using their own wagons and teams. After the war, they went to Kentucky, and from there the descendants of John George Pirtle went into the Southern states".

The Adjutant General of the U. S. War Department, replied to an inquiry from the writer August 27, 1924:

"The records of this office show that one John Purtle served in the Revolutionary War as a corporal in Captain William Darke's company, 8th Virginia Regiment. The date of enlistment is not shown. His name appears on the company's payroll covering the period from May 25, 1776 to April 30, 1777, which roll shows time of service to be 9 months 26 days, amount 21-S14-D4 remark to March 20."

The Henry County, Virginia official records show deed dated the "25th day of November 1779 given by Peter Copeland to John Pyrtle for 150 pounds current money of Virginia to him 250 acres land on Reedy Creek."

Another most interesting record copied from the official records of Henry County, Virginia is the following will of John Pyrtle, June 9, 1793:

The Last Will and Testament of John Pyrtle, Decd.

In the name of God, Amen, I, John Pirtle of Patrick County and State of Virginia Being sick in body but of good and Perfect memory, thanks be to Almighty God, and calling to mind the uncertain Estate of the Transitory life and that all flesh must yield unto Death when it shall please God to Call, do make, Constitute, ordain and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, revoking and annulling by these presents all and every Testament or testaments Will and Wills heretofore by me made and only for my last Will and Testament and none other. First, I will that all the debts and duties as I owe in right and conscience to

any manner of Person or Persons whatsoever, shall be well and truly Contented and paid or ordained to be Paid within Covenant time after my Decease by my Executors hereafter named —

Item 2—I lend unto my loving wife Ester Pirtil all my whole Estate both Personal and Temporal Except my Plantation working tools and Carpenter's tools such as plows, hows, axes and all other Working tools that appears to be mine during her natural life or marriage. After death or marriage my desire is that my afirs Estate shall be divided among my children as per Viz. 3rd I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Francis Cunningham the property I lent her when she was first married also all my plantation tools such as plows, hoes, ackses and all other plantation tools that appears to be mone, also all my Carpenters tools of all sorts. I give to my afirs Daughter Francis Cunningham and her heirs forever to be delivered within six months after my decease. 4ly I give and bequeath unto my son John Pirtil five shillings to be delivered unto him my aforesaid son after the Death of his Mother. 5ly I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Pirtil five shillings and her heirs forever to be delivered unto my afirs Daughter Mary Pirtil after the death of her Mother. 6ly After Death or marriage of my afirs wife my desire is that my aforesaid estate be divided between my other four children when they arrive at full age or Death of their Mother that is to say Daughter Margaret Sumpter, my son Samuel, Joseph and Nancy, to these my Children I give my afirs estate to be equally divided and their heirs forever. (Lastly) I nominate and appoint Harrison Hobard and John Philpott joint and wholly Executors and Executive of all my goods and Chattels and doth further nominate the afirs Hobard and Philpott trustees and guardians over all my children. Testifying and Conforming this to be my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this ninth day of June one thousand seven hundred ninety and three.

Thomas Posey

John Smallman

Nathanial Rodgers X (his mark)

Jno. Pyrtle, S. Se.

This will shows four daughters; Francis Cunningham, Mary Pyrtle Cunningham, Margaret Pyrtle Sumpter and Nancy also three sons John P., Sam and Joseph.

Under date May 13, 1797 the Henry County, Virginia records give an inventory of the estate of John Pyrtle deceased by his son John P. Pyrtle. This inventory listed a few slaves, live stock, household furniture, plantation tools, books and cash loaned out. The Henry County and Franklin County records show purchases of lands of more than thirteen hundred acres in tracts from 30 acres to 380 acres. The earliest record was May 26, 1790 and the latest June 17, 1818. Under date of June 23, 1836 is recorded in Henry County wills an inventory and appraisement of ten slaves (for \$5600) together with a long list of personal and household property of Jno. P. Pyrtle deceased.

A record dated a month later, is the account of Thomas Turner administrator of estate of Jno. P. Pyrtle giving detailed list of sale. Among the many names of buyers were Early Martin, Barton Pyrtle and Jno. D. Pyrtle.

John P. Pyrtle and Mary Maupin were married February 5, 1793 according to Henry County, Virginia records. Their eleven children were Carr, John, Lewis and Barton and seven daughters. Carr Pyrtle married and moved to Overton County, Tennessee. John Pyrtle married Margaret Lawrence and moved to North Carolina. Lewis Pyrtle did not marry. He went to Missouri. The seven sisters all married and had families. In Henry County, Virginia records April 26, 1790 the record is shown of a deed of 250 acres of land from John Pyrtle Sr. to John Pyrtle Jr.

Barton Pyrtle son of John P. Pyrtle, was born March 27, 1795 and died September 8, 1869. He married March 2, 1815, Lucinda Martin who was born January 10, 1793. She was the daughter of William Martin and Sarah Dodd Martin. Five children were born. The War Department records that Barton Pyrtle served in the War of 1812. As a private in a detachment of infantry command by Lieutenant Benjamin Dyer, he was detached from the 64th Regiment, Henry County and attached to the 5th Regiment, Virginia Militia. At Norfolk, he commanded at different times by Lieutenant Colonel Edward Jones and Lieutenant Colonel Waddy Street. His services commenced March 6, 1814 and ended June 22, 1814. Barton Pyrtle's second wife was Millie Franklin Pyrtle who drew a Government pension after the death of Barton Pyrtle.

The Henry County, Virginia records show many interesting transfers, mortgages and sales of property of Barton Pyrtle and his relatives. Barton Pyrtle was the administrator for the estate of his mother Mary Pyrtle, as shown by court record of April 18, 1851, also administrator of the estates of his mother-in-law, Sarah Martin, as record of August 12, 1851 shows. Records show that Lewis Pyrtle of Jefferson County Missouri gave power of Attorney to his brother, Barton Pyrtle to receive his share in his father's estate. Another record shows that another brother, Carr Pyrtle and wife Margaret, of Overton County, Tennessee, gave power of attorney to Josiah Turner, July 28, 1819 to settle his share in his mother's estate. It is said that Barton Pyrtle and his son James A. Pyrtle owned and operated, the first circle saw mill in western Virginia. This mill was located on land described in the following, copied from Franklin County records:

"This deed made this 20th day of February, 1855 bet. Thos. Blackburn Davis, of County of Franklin, and State of Virginia of the 1st Part, and Barton Pyrtle and Sam O. Smith of Henry County and State aforesaid, of other part.

In consideration of \$180.00 to the said Thos. B. Davis, Sr. in hand, paid or secured to be paid by the said Barton Pyrtle and Samuel O. Smith, the receipt is hereby granted to said Davis doth hereby bargain and sell, one certain lot or parcell of land, lying and being in the County of Franklin on the waters of Town Creek, on both sides of said Creek, including the Mill site at the falls containing twenty acres of Land, for the purpose of building a Saw Mill, raising a Dam at the Falls six feet high, and the said Davis doth hereby carry into the said Barton Pyrtle and Samuel O. Smith, the aforesaid lot of land and mill site and with all its appurtenances thereinto, belonging free from the claim or claims of himself, his heirs or assigns forever, and against all and every person or persons.

In witness the following Signature and seal this day and date above written.

Thos. B. Davis (Seal)

Teste

Sampson J. Davis

The following pre-nuptial marriage contract is interesting.
Barton Pyrtle and Milly Franklin's Marriage Contract.

This indenture made and entered into this 21st of March, 1851 between Milly Franklin of the one part and Barton Pyrtle of the other part. All of County of Henry, State of Virginia, witnesseth that whereas it is contemplated and intended that a marriage shall shortly be had and solemnized between Milly Franklin and said Barton Pyrtle, and the said Milly Franklin desiring to secure to herself the right to dispose of by will or otherwise, certain property belonging to her hereinafter mentioned, and further to guard against said property being subjected to the payment of the liabilities and debts of said Barton Pyrtle, and said Barton Pyrtle being willing to give the control and power of disposition of said property, do thereby by these presents, agree to and with said Milly Franklin in the following manner, to wit: The said Barton Pyrtle upon his marriage with the said Milly Franklin shall have the entire control and management in the landed estate left by her father, lying in the county of Henry on South River, and also interest in the negro woman Letty and her six children George, Jane, Patsy, Nancy, Mary and Elvina during the life time of said Milly Franklin and the negro woman Dolly and her child Julia, and the future increase during her life time and in consideration thereof, the said Barton Pyrtle, by these presents agrees to and with the said Milly Franklin, that she may at, or before her death dispose of by will, or deed, the said property before mentioned, in which she now has a greater than life estate, after the determination of said life estate and such disposition shall be entirely free from all claim, interest and liabilities of said Barton Pyrtle and his heirs, and shall control the disposition of the future increase of said property. It is further agreed between the parties to these presents, that should the said Barton Pyrtle die before the said Milly Franklin, all the right and interest acquired by him by virtue of his marriage or this deed to the interest and estate of said Milly Franklin, shall determine and cease upon the happening of said event, and same shall vest immediately in the said Milly Franklin, as fully as if she had never been married, and thereupon this said Milly Franklin may dispose of the same in any way or manner she may think proper. In testimony whereof

the parties of these presents have set their hands, and affixed their seals the day and year of the above mentioned.

Milly Franklin (seal)

Barton Pyrtle (seal)

Henry County to wit:

I, Overton R. Dillard, a justice of the peace for the county aforesaid, in the state of Virginia, do certify that Milly Franklin and Barton Pyrtle, whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 21st day of March, 1856 have acknowledged the same before me, in my county aforesaid, given under my hand this 21st day of March, 1856.

Overton R. Dillard J. P.

In Henry County Court Clerk's office, 21st of April, 1856. The foregoing writing bearing date the 21st day of March, 1856 with the certificate of Acknowledgment thereon was admitted to record.

Teste I. Greggs, Clerk.

THE DESCENDANTS OF BARTON PYRTLE AND LUCINDA
MARTIN PYRTLE

Wm. P. Pyrtle was born December 4, 1828, and died while in Confederate service at Norfolk April 6, 1862. His body was brought home by his brother, Jas. A. Pyrtle, to Henry County Virginia, and buried beside his mother, near Alumine, in the Pyrtle graveyard. He left a son, John W. Pyrtle, who lives with his wife at Ripplemead, Virginia. C. E. Pyrtle, son of J. W. Pyrtle lives with wife and daughter at Pulaski, Virginia. William Pyrtle's daughter married John Stone and lived in Henry County Virginia.

Mary M. Pyrtle Parcell was born September 1, 1830 and died February 15, 1917 in the 87th year of her age. She was survived by six children, W. A. Parcell, Witt, Virginia; F. M. Parcell, Danville, Virginia; Mrs. Julia Dyer, Henry, Virginia; Mrs. L. J. Gregory, Bassett, Virginia; Mrs. B. W. Ashworth, Penhook, Virginia and John B. Parcell.

Lewis W. Pyrtle was born November 4, 1835 and died in 1863. He is buried in the Pyrtle graveyard near Alumine, Henry County, Virginia. The record sent from the U. S. War Department reads: "L. W. Pyrtle (also borne Louis, Lewis T. and L. A. Pyrtle) Brevet 2nd Lieutenant, Company B, 32nd Battallion, Virginia Calvary C. S. A. enlisted March 8, 1862 at Henry C. H. His resignation, tendered on account of ill health was accepted to take effect September 19, 1862."

Lucinda M. Pyrtle was born January 1, 1841 and died in California 1815. She is buried at Fresno, California. She was not married.

Jas. A. Pyrtle was born May 14, 1837 in Henry County Virginia and died December 1875 in Plum Creek, Nebraska. He enlisted in the Confederate service March 17, 1862 and he served until the close of the war. He was in Captain Peter P. Davis's Company 64th Regiment, Virginia Militia. He was at Petersburg when it was blown up, also in the Gettysburg battle. He was never wounded. In 1860 he was married to Elizabeth Sarah Davis. Eight children were born. In October 1868 he moved with his wife and four daughters from Henry County, Virginia to Griffithsville, Lincoln County, West Virginia where they resided seven years. Three daughters and one son were born in West Virginia. In November

1875 he took his family, wife and eight children to Plum Creek, Nebraska. In December 1875, three weeks after reaching Nebraska, he died of smallpox. His only son and youngest child died at that time. Both are buried on the farm where they died, five miles north of Plum Creek, now called Lexington, Nebraska. The descendants of Jas. A. Pyrtle and his wife Elizabeth S. Pyrtle find interest in the Henry County, Virginia, record of the transfer or sale of the plantation where the four eldest of the Jim Pyrtle family were born. It reads:

Chas. W. Davis vs Jas. A. Pyrtle and wife.

This deed made this 3rd day of October 1868, between James A. Pyrtle and Elizabeth S. Pyrtle, his wife, of the county of Henry and state of Virginia of the first, and Charles W. Davis of the county and state aforesaid, of the other part witnesseth, that for and in consideration of the sum of \$400 to them in hand paid by the said Charles W. Davis, at or before the sealing and delivering of these presents, the said James A. Pyrtle and Elizabeth S. Pyrtle doth grant unto the said Charles W. Davis, a certain tract or parcel of land, lying and being in the county of Henry and State of Virginia, on the waters of Sour Creek, and bounded as follows to wit: Beginning on the north by Rachel Dyer, on the west by James R. Smith, on the south by Constance Martin and Chas. W. Davis, on the east by Thos. K. Turner to the beginning, containing 120 acres more or less, which the said James A. Pyrtle and Elizabeth S. Pyrtle, his wife, doth warrant and ever defend the right and title to the said tract of land to said Chas. W. Davis, free from the claims of themselves or any other persons whomsoever. Witness the following signatures and seals.

Revenue stamp 50c

James A. Pyrtle (seal)

Elizabeth S. Pyrtle (seal)

DECENDANTS OF
JAS. A. PYRTLE AND ELIZABETH DAVIS PYRTLE.

Lucinda Allen Pyrtle married Albert H. Campbell in Lexington, Nebraska. Three children were born in Lexington, Nebraska. James Francis, Albert Barton and Della Ruth. James Francis Campbell married Martha Maude Nutter at Maderia, California. Four children were born; Velma Ruth, Thomas Albert, Francis Maude and La Verne Eleanor. Albert Barton Campbell married Julia Berean in San Francisco, California. Four children were born; Della Ruth, Clara Barton, Elizabeth and Beatrice (twins). Beatrice died in infancy.

Della Elizabeth Campbell was married to Francis P. Will at Winters, California in 1924.

Lavania Basheba Pyrtle, second child of Jas A. and Elizabeth Davis Pyrtle, married C. J. S. Howell in Lexington, Nebraska. Their children are Jay, Hiram, Clifford, Charles and Anna. All of their family married in California. C. J. S. Howell, his wife Lavania B. Howell and the only daughter, Anna Howell, died in Fresno, California.

Nancy Elizabeth Pyrtle, third daughter of Jas. A. and Elizabeth Davis Pyrtle, was married to Jacob Brant on October 13, 1887. Jacob Brant was born August 24, 1862, in Spencer County, Indiana, one of the seven children, the son of Jacob Brant, Senior, a minister of the Methodist Church, and Minerva Overlin, a native of Kentucky. To this union were born two children, LeRoy Verne, in Lexington, Nebraska, and Dorothy F. Ruth in Julesburg, Colorado.

Jacob Brant was a business man and a rancher, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, The Modern Woodmen of America, The Woodmen of the World, and the Masonic Fraternity. He became Master of his lodge in the city of Julesburg, Colorado, and was for many years Secretary of the lodge. Together with his wife, he resided in the city of Julesburg from January, 1888, until August, 1907, when with his family he removed to Petaluma, California. There he purchased a poultry ranch, was for a number of years secretary of the Poultrykeeper's Association, and died January 29, 1921, of peritonitis.

His wife Elizabeth Pyrtle Brant is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, the Order of the Amaranth, and active in charitable work for many years. She engaged in nursing after her husband's death, and always took a very active part in the work of the church and Sunday school.

Their son LeRoy Verne Brant graduated from the Petaluma High School in 1910, from the Pacific Conservatory of Music in 1913. Here, by Authority of the State of California he was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Music. He followed the profession of organist and teacher of music, and became head of the music department of the Fort Bragg Union High School in 1914. This position he held until his removal to San Jose, California, in 1917. Here he founded The Institute of Music, and became its director. He held the position of organist and director of music in Trinity Episcopal Church, The San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies Friendship Lodge, 210, F. & A. M., he was elected dean of the San Jose Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, and in 1919 the degree of Associate in The American Guild of organists was awarded him through the board in the State of New York. In 1924 the state of Illinois conferred on him the degree of Master of Music. He was a writer for many musical periodicals, and also a writer of poetry. His poem "Beauty" was published in 1930. As a child he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in 1915 was confirmed in the Protestant Episcopal Church. He is a concert organist. He has published compositions for pipe organ also vocal music.

On February 2, 1914, LeRoy Verne Brant married Beatrice Clayton, of San Jose, California. Beatrice Clayton is a graduate of the College Park Academy of San Jose, California, and finished her courses in Ethics, English, in the College of The Pacific. She studied violin for five years and voice for eleven years, and engaged with her husband in numerous concerts and recitals. She taught voice in The Institute of Music. She is a descendent of Roger Eastman, of Mayflower fame, on the side of her mother.

Dorothy F. Ruth Brant was educated in the schools in Petaluma, California, and studied music for many years. She was soloist in several Petaluma Churches, and took an active interest in church and charity work in that community. She is a member of The Daughters of the Revolution, The Woman's Relief Corps, and the Methodist Episcopal Church. On September 15, 1917, she married Carl Dane Thomas, a graduate of the Davis School of

Agriculture of the University of California, and removed to Los Angeles, California. He served in the 91st Division of the National Army in the World War.

Mary Adaline Pyrtle, fourth daughter, was born in Henry County, Virginia, and with her parents, when but a child, moved to Plum Creek, Dawson County, Nebraska.

On March 31, 1887 she was married to John Homer Latky. At an early age she became active in church and public Welfare work. She became affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was an active worker in the Sunday School, Epworth League, and Junior League work.

She was the local, county and district President of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, for a number of years. She was District President of the State Orphan Children's Home Society for six years. She became active in Fraternal Insurance Societies, and in 1900 was elected as Grand Chief of Honor of the Degree of Honor A. O. U. W. of Nebraska, which position she held for eight consecutive years. She was then elected to the position of State Manager of Nebraska for the Tribe of Ben Hur, this position she held for five years, and then was elected the National Organizer for the Lady Maccabees. This position she held for three years, when her health compelled her to resign, and she retired to Cuba for several months for rest.

Upon her return she and her husband took up their residence in California, where she again became active in the Order of the Eastern Star, Order of the Amaranth, White Shrine and various clubs, being a member of the Twentieth Century, Town and Gown, and Ebell clubs.

During the world war she was very active wherever duty called. She organized the first Red Cross in the San Francisco Bay Section, where over two hundred reported for active work every day and where thousands of garments were repaired, new garments made, socks and sweaters knitted etc. While in the midst of day and night work, the Government called her to another duty and she was appointed on the War Risk Bureau of Insurance for Soldiers. This position she held until after the close of the War.

Sadie Pyrtle McCrystal is the 5th daughter of James A. Pyrtle and Sarah Elizabeth Pyrtle. She was born in West Virginia, but in early childhood moved to Lexington, Nebraska, where she received her public school education. She later attended the Western Normal at Shenandoah, Iowa, the Western Normal at Lincoln.

Nebraska and the University of Nebraska. She gave twenty-four years service in the Lincoln Public Schools, fifteen years of which she served as Principal of Hawthorne School.

She is a life member of the National Educational Association, a life member of the Nebraska State Parent Teacher's Association, a member of the Lincoln Public School Forum, a member of D. A. R., Order of Eastern Star, charter member of the Bruner Bird Club and a member of Pi Gamma Mu. She served on the National Educational Association Committee of International Relations 1929-30-31, was a member of the California Commission for the Enrichment of Adult Life in 1929-30. She was chairman of Thrift and Economy for the Lincoln Public Schools during the World War; served as Chairman of Education on the Lincoln Woman's Club in 1926-27. Mrs. McCrystal organized the first Parent Teacher's Association in Nebraska at Hawthorne School, Lincoln, Nebraska and served as Chairman of Education of the State Parent Teachers' Board from 1921 to 1930.

She is a magazine writer of note. Some of her articles which received wide recognition were a pageant written for the schools of Nebraska entitled, "Nebraska—The Land of Sunshine," a poem, "Nebraska," "The Oregon Trail" and others.

In 1908 she was married to Ambrose Elmer McCrystal of Cottage Grove, Wisconsin. Mr. McCrystal died October 30, 1920. He was one of the organizers of the Union Fire Insurance Company of Lincoln, Nebraska and served in the capacity of Special Agent and Adjuster for more than twenty years prior to his death. No children were born to this union.

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PYRTLE, E. Ruth, educator, was born in Charleston, W. Virginia, daughter of James Allan and Elizabeth Sarah (Davis) Pyrtle, granddaughter of Barton and Lucinda (Martin) Pyrtle, great-granddaughter of John Purtle, a revolutionary soldier, in Virginia, and his wife Mary W. Maupin. She was graduated A. B. at the University of Nebraska in 1904, receiving the A. M. degree from that institution three years later, and attended the summer sessions at Columbia University for three years. She taught school

successively in Dawson county, Nebraska, Julesburg, Colorado, and Lincoln, Nebraska, until 1902 when she became a public school principal in Lincoln, holding that position for twenty years. In the world war, with leave of absence from her school duties, she was general secretary of the Y. W. C. A., in Des Moines, Iowa, in charge of war work at Camp Dodge. During 1923-29 she was a member of the state board of education of Nebraska. Miss Pyrtle is president (1929-30) of the National Education Association, in which she has also served as president of the Department of Elementary School Principals, 1927-28 and as chairman of the committee on Teacher's Retiring Allowances, 1925-29, and is a member of the American Association of University women, League of Women Voters, Nebraska Writers' Guild, the Nebraska Woman's Educational Club (president 1920-21), Lincoln (Neb.) Principals Club (president 1920-22), the Bruner Bird Club (president 1921-23), of Lincoln, the W. C. T. U., the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Pi Gamma Mu. She is a Methodist in her religious affiliation and is a nature lover, being especially interested in birds.

DAVIS FAMILY HISTORY

The will of Edward Davis, wife Mary Davis, probated in Charles county, Maryland, July 21, 1736 gives the children as follows: Richard, Edward, David, Henry, John, Peter, Ann, Elizabeth, Susanna, Mary Garden, William, James, Edward, the younger, Thomas and Luke.

The will of the 3rd son, David Davis, was probated May 23, 1770, in Charles county, Maryland. This will shows that David Davis' wife was Ann Davis and their children were Joseph Waters, David, Charles, Elizabeth, Ann Barker and Susan.

The history and geneology of the descendants of Charles Davis, third son of David and Ann Davis, will be followed in this history. The following record was received from the original Charles county, Maryland records in Trinity Parish:

"Charles Davis was the father of Peter, Benjamin, Thomas, Eleanor and Ann Davis. Their mother, second wife of Charles Davis, was Ann Dent.

Charles Davis's first wife was Sarah Moreland, married May 11, 1762. Moses Davis, son of Charles Davis and Sarah Moreland was born April 29, 1763. Sarah Davis was born September 26, 1764. Isacc Davis was born April 9, 1766. Lydia Davis was born March 14, 1768. Joshua Davis was born April 28, 1770.

Eleanor Davis, Daughter of Charles Davis and Ann Dent was born April 7, 1777. Benjamin Davis was born September 9, 1778. Thomas Blackburn Davis was born August 23, 1782.

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy from the registry of Trinity Parish, Charles County, Maryland, given under my hand this 20th day of August, 1787."

Teste James Waters, Registrar

I certify also that I have agreeable a letter placed the age of Peter Davis (son of Charles Davis and Ann Dent, his wife) on the above register born August 13, 1786.

Teste James Waters, Registrar

Ann Dent wife of Charles Davis was one of the nine children of Hatch Dent and his wife Ann Dent of Charles county, Maryland. The admirable record of the early Dent Family is well known in Maryland. That Charles Davis, with his wife and chil-

dren went into Henry county, Virginia is shown by the following will which was probated July 27, 1807.

"I, Charles Davis of the county of Henry and State of Virginia, Being sick and weak, but in my perfect senses and memory and knowing that it is appointed once for a man to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, as touching my worldly Estate in manner and form following:

First: That all my just debts as far as the law charge be truly paid by Executors hereafter named.

Secondly: I lend unto my beloved wife, Ann Davis, all the residue of my Estate, both real and personal, of every part whatsoever during her widowhood.

Item—I give unto my son, Moses Davis, one shilling sterling to him and his heirs forever, and no more.

Item—I give unto my daughter, Rachel Davis, one shilling sterling to her and her heirs forever, and no more.

Item—I give unto my son, Issac Davis, one shilling sterling to him and his heirs forever, and no more.

Item—I give unto my daughter, Lydia Murphy, one shilling sterling to her and her heirs forever, and no more.

Item—I give to also to my son, Joshua Davis, one shilling sterling to him and his heirs forever, and no more.

Item—I give unto my daughter, Eleanor Davis, the feather bed and furniture, one flat pewter dish, four pewter plates one of my largest and one cow and calf already in her possession.

Item—I give unto my son, Benjamin Davis, one feather bed and furniture, also my rifle gun, one large pewter dish, four pewter plates and one large pewter basin.

Item—I give unto my son, Thomas Blackburn Davis, one feather bed and furniture, the oldest bed I lie on, one large deep pewter dish, four pewter plates and one small pewter basin to each and every of them and their heirs, as afore named forever.

Item—I give to my son, Peter Davis, the tract of land whereon I now live, containing by estimation one hundred fifty five acres, also six and one fourth acres purchased of Joseph Tomlin and conveyed by Shadrack Dent, also one shot gun, also one new feather bed and furniture, also one pair large stylards also two Iron potts, also one pewter dish and four pewter plates, also one pewter basin.

Item—I give unto my daughter, Ann Davis, one feather bed and furniture, known by name of new bed, also one pewter dish, one pewter basin, and four pewter plates.

Item—It is further my will and last testament that whenever my beloved wife, Ann Davis, should enter marriage or die that all my personal estate of every kind whatsoever, shall be divided in the following manner, that is to say, such of my estate as is already not bequeathed by this last will, to be divided by my Executors hereafter named in the following manner, that is to say, an Equal dividend of the same be made between my sons Benjamin Davis and Thomas Blackburn Davis, Peter Davis and my daughter Anna Davis to them and their heirs forever, with this reserve, that should my son Peter Davis be without heir, I have in such case the land bequeathed in this last will etc., to Peter Davis, my son is to be equally divided between my sons Benjamin Davis and Thomas Blackburn Davis their heirs and hereby revoking and disowning all the will or wills heretofore by me made and, I do further name and appoint my well beloved wife, Ann Davis Executrix, and my son Peter Davis Executor, of this my last will and testament, as witness my hand and seal, in the 27th Year of the Common wealth—6th day of March 1803.

Chas. Davis, Sr.

Published and proclaimed

in presence of:

John Salmon, Sr.

John Redd

Mary Manida

At a court held for Henry County
at C. H. 27th day of July 1807 the
within last will etc.

At a Court held for Henry County, at the Court house on the 27th day of July 1807. The within last will and testament of Charles Davis was exhibited in Court, and proved by the oaths of two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and the same was ordered by the Court to be recorded, and Peter Davis the Executor, and Ann Davis the Executrix, therein named, made oath, and with Shadrack Dent, and John Kahill their securities, entered into Bond, and acknowledged the same, as the law directs. Certificate was therefore granted them for obtaining probate thereon in due form.

Teste W. Redd

That Charles Davis served as a private in the Revolutionary War is shown by the records of the adjutant General's office of the U. S. War Department. The records show that he received the sum of \$348.05 at \$20.00 per month. His pension commenced September 4, 1789 under act of June 7, 1785 of the Virginia agency pension. This record shows that Charles Davis' application was destroyed in 1814, and gives the date of his death as February 1, 1807.

The incomplete history of Peter, Benjamin and Thomas Davis, three sons of Charles Davis and Ann Dent Davis will be given here. The writer regrets that she does not have a complete history. The record of the struggles, the hardships endured, the achievements of these early Virginia pioneers is a record the later generations should cherish.

Benjamin, son of Chas. Davis and Ann Dent Davis married Nancy Hurd, daughter of William Hurd. Their ten children were:

William Davis married Lucy Craig

Mary Davis married Woodson Ramsay

Betsey Anne Davis married Tansy Ramsay

Winnie Davis married Thomas Ramsay

Peggy Davis married a Minter

*Jane Davis married John Nunn

Chas. Davis died at the age of 21 years

Nancy Blackburn Davis died at the age of 16 years

Benjamin Davis married Eleanor Hicks and moved to Georgia

†Jesse Hurd Davis married Susan A. Koger

* Jane Davis Nunn and John Nunn are the parents of William Riley Nunn, who married Mrs. J. M. Davis, widow of J. M. Davis, in 1921. The children of William Riley Nunn by his former wife are:

George Dann Nunn married Hattie Ramsay—12 children

Ruth Nunn married Ernest Hurd—2 children

Susie Nunn married Tom Turner—5 children

† The children of Jesse Hurd Davis and Susan A. Koger are:

John Benjamin Davis married Betty Stovall

Gillie Coleman Davis married Haley W. Ramsay

Pinkney G. Davis married Lucy A. Jones

Rufus F. Davis—unmarried

E. J. Davis married (1) Sally Davis (2) Minnie H. Davis

Loyd T. Davis married Emma Jamerson

D. W. Davis married Mary Shumate live in Henry county Virginia—3 children

Lulu E. Davis married N. S. Goode

Peter Davis son of Chas. Davis and Ann Dent Davis married May Hurd daughter of William Hurd. She lived to a ripe old age and was affectionately called by the whole country side "Old Aunt Polly Davis." Their children were:

Jonathan Davis married (1) Turner (2) Turner (3) Smith

Laban J. Davis married Letisha Pettigo

Thomas B. Davis married Martha Coleman

*Peter Perkins Davis married (1) Emily Wade (2) Mary F. Holland

William H. Davis married Betsey A. Napier

Benjamin S. Davis married Anne Hunter

Nancy Dent Davis married Captain Tom Draper

Jane Hickey Davis married Jesse Lavinder

Margaret C. Davis married Jos. Jones

David Davis married (1) Nancy G. McGhee (2) White

*The children of Peter Perkins Davis and Emily Wade Davis are:

John P. Davis married Mary Jane Mitchell daughter of John Mitchell and Elizabeth Napier Mitchell. Their children are:

Emily W. Davis married E. L. Kelly

J. Mitchell Davis—unmarried

Mary Elizabeth Davis—unmarried

Sarah Jane Davis married Jos. W. Kelley—issue Mary Davis and Emily Ball Davis

Chas. Peter Davis married Kate Decottes—issue Chas. Peter Davis

Anne Ursula Davis—unmarried

Robert Davis—unmarried, died March 13, 1918.

The children of Peter Davis and Mary Holland Davis are:

R. E. Davis married Lillian Trent

Sallie E. Davis married E. J. Davis

T. H. Davis married Lillian Hurd

C. W. Davis married (1) Ida Townes (2) Virginia Grantham Fletcher Davis—unmarried

Frank Payne Davis married Ellie Walker—issue Frank, Pond, Sarah

Harry Holland Davis married Lena Seward—issue Lewellyn and Everette H. Davis

Maud Wall Davis married Sidney P. Childers—issue Mary Anne, Sydney P. and Vincent

Jesse Guy Davis married Audrey Dickerson

John Peter Davis was elected sheriff of Henry County, Virginia, for three terms and died while serving his third term, February 17, 1898, at the age of 45 years. It was said of him at his death "He died without an enemy."

John Mitchell Davis, son of John Peter Davis, was elected to the same office at the age of 24 and served three terms, being the youngest sheriff at the time of election in the State of Virginia.

D. S. Davis, son of Benjamin S. Davis and Anne Hunter Davis, has been elected to the office of Treasurer of Henry County for seven successive terms and is the present incumbent.

James P. Davis, son of Benjamin S. Davis and Anne Hunter Davis, moved to the state of Indiana, a good many years ago, is a prominent business man of Kokomo, and has represented the county both in the Legislature and Senate, and was the nominee of the Democratic party for Congress in the 5th Congressional District of the state of Indiana, 1928.

E. L. Davis, son of Laban J. Davis and Letitia Pettigo Davis, is a prominent business man of Martinsville, Va. being a contractor and builder.

Everette J. Davis, son of Jesse H. Davis and Susan Koger Davis, is engaged in the warehouse business in Martinsville, Va. In 1900 he bought the Banner Warehouse and is one of the most prominent tobacco warehousemen in the state of Virginia. He is a leader in all public, civic and religious affairs.

"Beverly A. Davis, Rocky Mount, Virginia, senior member of the law firm of Davis, Davis & Davis his partners and associates being his three sons, has had a distinguished career in the law and in politics in South West Virginia. At a previous election he was the republican nominee for lieutenant governor of Virginia, and has also represented his party as a candidate in congress and has served a term in the state Senate.

He was born in Snow Creek in Franklin County, September 27, 1868, son of David H. and Nancy G. Davis. His father was a native of Henry county and his mother of Franklin county. She died when her son Beverly A. was an infant.

David H. Davis served as a co federate soldier, was a contractor and farmer and died in 1907, at the age of 76.

Beverly A. Davis had to learn his best lessons in the hard school of experience. As a boy he worked on the farm in the summer attending the local schools in the Winter Term, and at the age of 16 began teaching in Henry county. For four years he was a teacher and in the summer sessions continued his higher education. Subsequently he secured a minor clerkship in the Treasurer Department at Washington, while Harrison was president, and doing that work in the day time, he spent his nights studying law in Georgetown University. After graduating he returned to Franklin county and when barely at his majority, was elected commonwealth's attorney. In 1901 the people of his district laid aside partisan consideration and chose him a member of the Constitutional convention of Virginia. During the administrations of Roosevelt and Taft, Mr. Davis was postmaster of Rocky Mount. Soon after the beginning of the Wilson administration he resigned, and has since concentrated his time and energies upon private practice, and both alone and with his sons he commanded a prestige through South Western Virginia.

In 1915 his party gave him the unanimous nomination to the State Senate from the districts comprising Franklin and Floyd counties, and though the Democratic press said that his opponent was unbeaten and unbeatable, he received a majority of eleven hundred, carrying every precinct in Floyd County. He was in the Senate when the Nation was engaged in the World War, giving every support to all measures, and also to State Legislation effecting agriculture and educational advancement. In 1916 he was a candidate for Congress to represent the Fifth District, and received a large vote. Mr. Davis' first wife was Nettie Barrow, daughter of Benjamin Barrow. The one child of this marriage is Mrs. W. S. Morris. At his second marriage Mr. Davis wedded the daughter of Mr. G. D. Gravely. Four children have been born to their marriage, Mamie the daughter is the wife of Owen Reynolds of Craig county, Virginia. The son, David H., was educated in Roanoke College and Washington and Lee University, is a member of the Law Firm, Davis, Davis & Davis and lives in Roanoke and looks after the practice there, Beverly A. Jr., the second son, was a Lieutenant in the U. S. Army at the age of nineteen, graduated in Law at Washington & Lee University at 21, was nominated by his party for State Senator at 23, and at 24 he was appointed Assistant to the Attorney-General of the United States. The third son, Russell, while a student at Roanoke Col-

lege, displayed great powers as an athlete, was a Page in the State Senate in 1916. Before attending Roanoke College, he was a student in the Augusta Military Academy. He is practicing law in Rocky Mount associated with his father and brother in the firm of Davis, Davis and Davis."

The following Thomas Blackburn Davis family record was dictated to the writer at Reed Creek, Henry County, Virginia, August 13, 1903 by her uncle, James M. Davis of Reed Creek, Virginia.

"Thomas Blackburn Davis, son of Charles Davis and Ann Dent Davis, married Louvica King, daughter of Stephen King in 1805 and reared a family of seven children. Julia, Louania, Betsey, Mary and Lucinda were the daughters and Sampson J. and Louis were the sons.

Julia Davis married Charles Smith and to this couple eight children were born.

Louania Davis married David Mavity and moved to Ripley county, Indiana. This couple reared a large family. Dr. Mavity of Fowler, Indiana, is a son of this union. Betsey Davis married George Goode and reared these children, Julia B. Goode and Lizzie Goode. Julia married Jonas Goode. She has a large family. Lizzie Goode married James Stone. She has a large family.

Mary Davis married Joathan Davis of Henry county, Virginia. One daughter was born. This daughter, Louvica Davis, married William Hurd and died in 1887 leaving a large family.

Lucinda Davis married Jos. Doss. One girl was born. Julia A. Doss lived in Franklin county.

Louis Davis died when young.

Sampson J. Davis was born in Franklin county, Virginia, November 28, 1812. In 1836 he married Basheba Turner. He died March 9, 1880. He was a deacon in the Primitive Baptist Church. Ten children were born. His wife, Basheba Turner, was born October 18, 1810 and died September 21, 1885. Their children:

Adeline Mildred Davis was born September 3, 1837. On November 4, 1869 she married Samuel S. Goode and moved to West Virginia. Seven children were born. Some years later she moved to Lexington, Nebraska. Sam Good married in California. Nannie Good married William McCarter, in Lexington, Nebraska and now lives at Fresno, California—issue Nora McCarter married in Fresno, California and has two children. James Good married

in California and has one son and one daughter. Lulu Good married William Decker in Lexington, Nebraska, and now lives at Berkeley, California. She has one son Harold. Lon Good married Emma Decker, Lexington, Nebraska. They have four children. William Good married Phoenie Anthony, in Lexington, Nebraska. They have four sons. Elbert Good married in California and has a family. Samuel H. Good died June 19, 1893. Adeline H. Good died at Lexington, Nebraska, April 9, 1915.

Louvica Anne Davis was born September 3, 1839. She married Thomas H. Nunn on November 3, 1870. They resided on the old Davis plantation in Alumine, Franklin county, Virginia. Two children were born, Ruth Ellen and John Sampson. Louvica Davis Nunn died March 7, 1913. T. H. Nunn died July, 1920.

Elizabeth Sarah Davis was born July 2, 1841. She was married to Jas. A. Pyrtle, March 13, 1861.

James A. Pyrtle was in the Confederate army. His young wife and baby at home, came near being widowed and orphaned during the siege of Petersburg. "Jim" Pyrtle was just outside the fort directing his men to carry in buckets of beans for the Confederate soldiers' breakfasts when the fort was blown up and hundreds were hurled into eternity. General U. S. Grant on the Northern side, who ordered this destruction, was married to a Maryland Dent, decendant of Hatch Dent of Charles county, Md. Jim Pyrtle on the Southern side, who came so near losing his life was married to a Maryland Dent decendant of the same Colonial stock.

Had U. S. Grant always lived in the South would he have been with Lee or against him? Had Jim Pyrtle always lived in the North would he have been with Grant or against him?

Eight children were born to Elizabeth Sarah Davis and Jas. A. Pyrtle, 7 daughters and one son. In 1868 they moved to West Virginia and 1875 they moved to Plum Creek, now Lexington, Nebraska. December 27, 1875, James A. Pyrtle died of small-pox and the only son, James Lee Pyrtle, died soon after. Della Franklin Pyrtle, the youngest daughter died of diphtheria in December, 1878. In October 1891 Elizabeth S. Pyrtle married W. F. Hill. She died January 10, 1898 of acute peritonitis at Lincoln, Nebraska. She is buried at Greenwood cemetery in Lexington, Nebraska. W. F. Hill died in San Diego, California in 1920. (The history of the children of this family is given in the Pyrtle history of this volume.)

Solomon King Davis was born January 11, 1843. About the age of 18 years, he volunteered in the services of the Southern Confederacy. He enlisted, became orderly Sergeant, and while trying to rally his men was struck by a cannon ball on the 10th of May, 1864 at Chester Station, Virginia, near Richmond and was instantly killed. His remains now rest in Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond, Virginia. The following is a copy of the last letter sent by him from the Confederate Army:

April 1, 1864

Camp 51, Va. Infantry
White Oak Swamp, Va.
April 1, 1864

My Dear Sister,

By the hand of Kind Providence I am permitted this morning to write you a few lines to inform you of my good health. I have not been sick a day this year. It is a great blessing to have good health. I have no news that will interest you. Times is hard here as ever. Everything is very high. I went to Richmond the other day, as witness on Court marshall and had to stay all night. I had to pay \$15 dollars for staying and did not get hardly anything to eat at that. Court punishes the deserters. There are 15 deserters to be shot in this Brigade, and 9 of them belong to this regiment, though none from my company. Some of them are to be branded on their left side with the letter D and wear a 12 pound ball all the time till the War ends, and work on Breast Works. That is rite hard sentence. Save as I shall fail to interest you, I will hasten to close by asking you to give my love to Sister Bet. Tell her to write to me. I will do better next time.

Good By,

S. K. Davis
L. A. Davis

On the back of this letter was written the following song:

WHEN THIS CRUEL WAR IS OVER

1. Dearest one do you remember
When we last did meet,
When you told me how you loved me
Kneeling at my feet,
Of how proud you stood before me, In
your suit of Gray,
When you vowed from me and country
Never to go astray.

CHORUS

- Weeping sad and lonely,
Sigh and heave how vain,
When this cruel war is over,
Praying then to meet again.
2. When the summer breeze is sighing,
Mournfully along,
Or when autumn leaves are falling
Sadly breaks the song,
Oft in dreams I see you lying
on the Battle Plain,
Lonely, wounded then and dying,
Calling, but in vain.
 3. If amid the din of Battle,
Nobly you should fall,
Far away from those who love you,
None to hear you call,
Who would whisper words of comfort,
Who would soothe your pain,
Ah the many cruel fancies ever in my brain.
 4. But our country called you loved one,
Angels guide your way,
While our Southern Boys are Fighting.
We can also pray,
When you strike for God and freedom,
Let all Nations see
How you love our Southern Banner,
Emblem of the Free.

Written by S. K. Davis
March 31, 1864
To L. A. Davis

Lucinda Loutisha Davis was born August 25, 1844. She was never married. She died May 2, 1904 at Stanton, Virginia.

Julia J. Davis was born March 8, 1846. She died in childhood. George T. Davis was born October 25, 1847 and died in childhood.

Benjamin Franklin Davis was born June 1, 1849. He was married October 15, 1875, to Syrilda May of West Virginia. Five children were born.

Nora Monterey Davis married Dr. Leonard Harter—issue Helen, Doris, Stuart. Edgar Davis married Sevilla Passmore—issue 3 sons and 1 daughter. Edgar F. Davis died at Long Beach California, February 15, 1929. Willie Davis died August 10, 1897.

Dr. Everett Davis married in Los Angeles, California. Vere Davis

The B. F. Davis family lived at Lexington, Nebraska for 25 years then removed to Long Beach, California. Syrilda Davis, wife of B. F. Davis, died May, 1906, in Long Beach, California. B. F. Davis married again in California.

James Marshall Davis was born December 1, 1851. He was married January 20, 1878 to Letha Matilda Nunn. On November 7, 1879 a daughter was born, Bettie Davis. On January 6, 1891 she died of diphtheria. The family lived at Reed Creek, Henry County, Virginia. James M. Davis died December 18, 1917. Letha Matilda Nunn Davis married William R. Nunn March 19, 1920.

Ruth Matilda Davis was born June 4, 1856. She was married December 7, 1879 to George W. Goode. Two daughters were born, Julia and Georgia. Georgia married a Hilton. G. W. Goode died in May, 1882. Julia Goode married William McAlexander and now lives in Fieldale, Virginia. She has six children, Dorothy, Matilda, Mary Ruth, Albert Richard, Martha, Lyle and Louise. Georgia Goode married George Hilton. She died in 1904.

Callie Ruth Hilton, daughter of Georgia Hilton married Walter Adams. Mary Ruth Alexander married Dewey Cecil Gordon, August 4, 1923. Dorothy Matilda Alexander married John A. Bryant, November 15, 1919—issue Dorothy Marie Bryant, Jacqueline Dale Bryant, and Doris Ruth Bryant. John A. Bryant was in Company C. 54th Infantry, 6th Division, U. S. Army, sailed from New York July 6, 1918 for Liverpool, served one year in France, was demobilized at Camp Wadsworth, South Carolina.

ANOTHER VIRGINIA FAMILY

TURNER HISTORY

From the Turner Family Magazine Vol. I and II in the Congressional Library we read: "Prior to 1748 were living in Virginia three brothers Shadrach, Meshack and Abednego Turner who were no doubt sons of Bible reading parents. (See Daniel III-28.) Shadrack Turner was the owner of 4400 acres of land in Halifax County. The first patent was in 1748. He was active in his county, being overseer of roads and proccessioner of lands. He lived next in Pittsylvania County, then Henry County, where he died according to his will made in 1783."

That Shadrack Turner's wife was Ann Turner and that he had 5 sons, Larkin, Jeremiah, William, John, Josiah and three daughters Elizabeth, Mary and Excony is shown by the following will copied from Will Book I, Henry County, Va. records:

"Last Will and Testament of Shadrack Turner."

In the Name of God Amen. October the 25th One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-three. I, Shadrack Turner of Henry County, being in sound memory at present, thanks to Almighty God for it, and knowing the uncertainty of life, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in the following manner.

Item: I give to my sons Larkin Turner and Jeremiah Turner, the Land and Plantation that I now live upon as far as the right hand Branch and up the Branch to the Creek above the Road thence up the said Branch Sick is as far as the Road, also one horse and one saddle to each of them.

Item: I give to my son William Turner the Land over the right hand Branch and up the branch to the Dreen. Thence up the Dreen to the Road. Thence along the road to the line of the final survey, thence along the line till it comes to Daniel Smith's corner, thence a straight line below the Mess place, thence a straight line to the Waggon ford by the Apple Orchard, thence along the Creek to the mouth of the right hand branch, thence up the Branch to the beginning.

Item: I give to my daughter, Excony Turner, One Horse and Saddle and two cows and calves and a Ewe and Lamb and one Sow and Piggs and the land upon the Turkey Penn Branch and up to my son William's line on both sides of the creek, thence a

straight line to the corner tree in the gap of the hill, thence along the Ridge to the back line, the remaining part to Larkin and Jeremiah Turner to them and heirs forever.

Item: I also give to my daughter, Excony Turner, One Feather Bed and Furniture to her and her heirs forever, if she dies without heirs, her part to be Divided amongst the rest of my children.

Item. The House to be finished out of the estate.

Item: I give to my beloved wife Ann Turner the Plantation I now live upon and all the movable Estate, after my debts are paid, during her life time, then to be Divided between all my children, and my Grand daughter, Elizabeth, John, Josiah, William, Mary, Larkin, Jeremiah, Excony, Mary Hunter, if any of the above mentioned children should die without an heir, then parts to be returned to the remainder part of the children. I appoint my two sons John Turner and Wm. Turner to be executors to the within Written Will. In Witness thereof I have set my hand and seal, the Day and Year above Written.

Shadrack Turner Sr.

PostScript: I expected I had finished the Will but since the other children I give my Executors power at time of marriage Lucia Robb have a cow and calf and other necessities as my Executors may think needful, but if Lucia or Sally die without issue Lawfully begotten, may their part to return to the Estate.

Item: I desire my children may have learning as far as may do County business (that is the boys) The girls to read-out of the Estate." In witness their of I set my hand and seal

Shadrack Turner Sr.

Tes.

Sam'l Critchfield

John Hunter

Richard Stone (X his mark)

At a court held for Henry County on the 22nd Day of July 1784.

The Within, last Will and Testament of Shadrack Turner Deceased was exhibited in court by John and Wm. Turner, the Executors therein mentioned, and Proved by the Witness thereto, and Took the Oath Prescribed by law, and with Peter Sanders and Robert Stockton their Securities entered into Bonds, and acknowledge the same according to Law, where upon it was ordered and

Recorded by the Court, they have obtained a probate thereof in due form.

Test John Car C.H.C.

That Shadrack Turner gave aid to the Colonial government before and during the Revolutionary War is indicated by numerous Virginia records. I quote a few copied from the Henry County Clerk's records:

"Shadrack Turner for use of his horse and 9 diets to Captain Rubel's Company ordered out against the Tories: also for 4 diets and 15 lbs, Fodder to Colonel Crockett's regiment".

"To Shadrack Turner and others for diets for Henry Co Militia".

"Shadrack Turner 1-15-0 pasturage 4 Beeves—21 diets and 2½ bushels corn to same".

"Patrick Henry Esq. 38 for 228 Sheaves Oats furnished John Redd waggon conductor for the said McCraw".

The Henry County tax records in 1779 show the following taxes paid by Turners:

John Turner £ 5-0-1

Wm. Turner £ 8-4-7

Shadrack Turner £ 20-15-5

Josiah Turner £ 6-2-4

John Turner £ 5-5-0

J.P.A. Hill's History of Henry County Virginia lists among the soldiers who left Henry County for active service in the Revolutionary War, Josiah Turner and Wm. Turner in John Cunningham's Company.

The Turner Family History April 1916 gives the following record copied from Henry County records:

"In Henry County October 1777 John Turner renounced his allegiance to Great Britian and on 30th of August 1777 John Turner and Wm. Turner took a similar oath". Meshack Turner married Rebecca Robinson February 6, 1760 in Halifax County Virginia. I quote again the Turner Family Magazine: "Wm. Turner, a son of Shadrack Turner was born in 1753 and was in the Revolutionary War in 1777. He married Jane Hunter daughter of Wm. Hunter. For 72 years they were members of the Baptist Church. Wm. Turner was the father of a large family and a remarkable thing was their longevity. Twelve of his sons and daughters averaging 83 years of life." William Turner's will copied from the Franklin County Virginia records is interesting especially the clause relative to the disposition of his servants. I quote:

WILLIAM TURNER'S WILL

In the name of God Amen, I, William Turner of the County of Franklin and State of Virginia of a sound mind and disposing memory feeling that immortality is hastening on when I must resign my mortal part to the tomb, and my spirit to the God who gave it, do, therefore hereby make my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, namely:

First. I commend my spirit to Almighty God, and my body to the Tomb.

Secondly. I desire that all just debts (if any) be paid, and that my funeral expenses be paid out of the proceeds of the sale of my perishable property.

Thirdly. I give and bequest unto my beloved companion Jane Turner all of my personal and real estate, of which I die possessed, consisting of the *following* servants, (to wit) Lydia, Bob, Jenny, Mose, Joshua, Mary, Jesse, Washington, Harriet, Milly, and Ony together with all their increase (if any) together with all my stock of every description my lands and tenements, to have and to hold, to her only use and behoof during her natural life, and it is also my desire that she shall exercise her own discretion relative to assisting of any of her children should necessity require it, and after the death of my Dear wife, I desire that all my property both real and personal, be immediately sold by my Executors hereafter named, and equally divided between the lawful heirs of my body in manner and form here after provided, and it is further my Desire that all my Servants be sold in the family of my Children and that my Executors hereafter to be named, suffer them not to be sold other-wise, and in the distribution of my property among my children after complying with the foregoing provisions.

I first give and bequeath unto my eldest son George Turner one thirteenth part of my estate.

Secondly. I give and bequeath unto my second son James Turner or his lawful heirs one thirteenth part of my estate.

Thirdly. I give and bequeath unto John Turner my third son one thirteenth part of my estate.

Fourthly. I give and bequeath unto the lawful heirs of the body of my first daughter Martha Philpott, one thirteenth part of my Estate.

Fifthly. I give and bequeath unto my second daughter Elizabeth Ingram one thirteenth part of my estate.

Sixthly. I give and bequeath unto my fourth son Josiah Turner one thirteenth part of my Estate.

Seventhly. I give and bequeath unto my third daughter Adelpia Turner one thirteenth part of my estate.

Eighthly. I give and bequeath unto my fourth daughter Sarah Snidow one thirteenth part of my Estate.

Ninthly. I give and bequeath unto my fifth son William Turner one thirteenth part of my estate.

Tenthly. I give and bequeath unto my fifth daughter Jane Stone and the lawful heirs of her body one thirteenth part of my Estate to be placed by my Executor, in the hands of my faithful and trusty son Elkanah B. Turner, by his, given unto her at such time and in such manner as he may deem most preudent, and should the portion of my Estate allotted to my daughter Jane Stone aforesaid, be not by her consumed, and she dieing without issue, it is my desire that the balance that may be left return again to the Estate and be equally divided among the other children.

Eleventhly. I give and bequeath unto my sixth son Andrew Turner one thirteenth part of my Estate.

Twelfthly. I give and bequeath unto my seventh son Meshach Turner one thirteenth part of my Estate.

Thirteenthly. I give and bequeath unto my youngest son Elkanah B. Turner one thirteenth part of my Estate. And I also desire that he shall be paid by my Executor, out of my general Estate a reasonable compensation for his trouble in recovering and disbursing the portion allotted to my Daughter Jane Stone.

And lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my faithful and beloved sons George Turner and Elkanah B. Turner Executors of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all other or former Wills and Testaments, by me, heretofore made. In Witness whereof I have set my hand and affixed my seal this 29th day of October A. D. 1842.

Signed, sealed, published and
declared as for the last Will
and Testament of the above mentioned
William Turner, in the presence of us.
Bernard M. Price, Jr.
Paten Stanley.
Purris Ayers.

William Turner (Seal)

At a Court held for Franklin County 5th day of January 1846 This last Will and Testament of William Turner Deceased was produced in court and proved by the oaths of Bernard M. Price Jr., and Purris Ayers, two of the subscribing witnesses hereto, and ordered to be recorded, and on the motion of George Turner and Elkanah B. Turner, the Executors herein named, who made oath and gave bond and security according to Law, certificate is granted them for obtaining of said Will due form.

TESTE: Moses G. Carper,
Clerk, Franklin County.

The writer is grateful to E. L. Turner of Martinsville, Virginia for the following copy of the obituary of Wm. Turner who died December 11, 1845:

"At his residence, in the County of Franklin, Virginia on the 11th inst. 1845 William Turner, aged 92 years, 10 months and 22 days leaving a widow, Jane Hunter Turner, aged 88 years, with whom he had lived in wedlock 72 years, and of his offsprings now living, to the fifth generation from his own, 313; and there had 50 preceded him to the grave ere he went to that Bourne from which no traveller on earth returns; fruitful in his generation he could truly say "arise daughter and salute thy daughter for thy daughter's daughter hath a daughter".

"He had fourteen children, 9 sons and 5 daughters, 8 of his sons and all of his daughters came to years of maturity, though one of his daughters never had any children. Of his eight sons that came to maturity, 6 have held the office of Justice of the Peace, two in Franklin, one in Henry, one in Patrick County, Virginia, and 2 in Overton County, Tennessee. One of his sons, during the late war, commanded a company and served a six months tour at the Fort Jackson, Alabama, and another a like tour at Norfolk, Virginia, as an ensign; and several of his later generation have been honorably promoted."

"The deceased during his life, performed with scrupulous punctuality the duties man owes to his fellow man, and whether we contemplate his conduct as husband, father, friend or master, we find it faithful, kind, generous, and indulgent, and could warm friendship or tears of sympathy have purchased life and restored health, he had yet lived; but in vain is the help of man. Though severed from earthly things his relations and friends sigh not without hope, that he has gone to receive the righteous man's reward,

and that though dead, he yet lives and will flourish in immortal youth.

In early life he made an open profession of the Christian religion, and had been for 73 years a regular communicant of the Baptist Church. Without ever having been charged by his brethren with any immoral or unchristian conduct. He was therefore enabled to meet death with a pious resignation to the will of heaven and a confident hope of a blessed immortality which an experimental knowledge of the atoning merits of the blood of Christ, can alone inspire! And which enables his surviving friends to say of him with devout thankfulness "blessed are the dead that die in the Lord, yea saith the spirit, for they rest and their works do follow them".

Jane Hunter Turner wife of Wm. Turner died May 20, 1851 aged 92 years, 11 months and 13 days. George Turner, the oldest of the 14 children of Wm. and Jane Hunter was born October 17, 1776 and died August 13, 1884. He married Milley Stone who was born March 3, 1780, and died March 6, 1864. Milley Stone was the daughter of Stephen Stone (died 1835) and his wife Basheba Stone (died May 15, 1852). The 12 children of George and Milley Turner were Obadiah Turner, born December 24, 1802, Elizabeth Turner King born August 19, 1804, Stephen Turner, born September 6, 1806, Jane Turner Helmes, born October 3, 1808, Basheba Turner Davis born, October 18, 1810, Ruth Turner Hoy born July 6, 1812, George Clinton Turner, born December 14, 1814, Milley Ann Turner Cannaday born March 6, 1817, Martha Turner Cassaday born May 3, 1819, Wm. Creed Turner born March 1, 1821, Sarah Hunt Cassaday born December 30, 1823 and James Marshall Turner born April 14, 1827.

The following will of George Turner copied from the Franklin County, Virginia records has like his father Wm. Turner's an interesting clause relative to the disposition of his slaves. Wm. Turner said "it is my *desire* that all my servants be sold in the family of my children and that my executors suffer them not to be sold otherwise", while his son George Turner directs in his will "that they be bought by my legatees *only*".

The writer remembers that when a child, her mother said the story of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" was much overdrawn according to life in Virginia—that she had never seen or heard of cruelties such as vividly pictured by Mrs. Stowe. These wills of my mother's grandfather and great grandfather clearly show why she made these statements.

WILL OF GEORGE TURNER

Be it known to all men that I, George Turner, of the County of Franklin and State of Virginia, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form followeth to wit.

1st My will is that all my just debts and Burial expenses be paid out of my perishable estate.

2nd I will and bequeath to my beloved wife, Mildred Turner, during her natural Life all my lands standing in my name, except the tract known by the name of the Guilliams tract, which I desire to be sold by my executors, either public or private as they may think best.

Also seven of my slaves namely Tibbam, Jack, Samuel, Lucy, Sparel, Meeby and Mildred; also all my household and kitchen furniture; also as much of my stock of every description and plantation tools as she may think proper to keep for her proper use and benefit; also my blacksmith's tools; also enough for her family 12 months to have and enjoy the above named property during her natural life, and after her death to return to my estate, and to be divided as equal as can be, according to my bequests hereafter to be made in every respect. My will is that my executors sell the remainder of my slaves as soon as convenient after my death and that they be bought by my legatees only, also the slaves I give to my wife during her life when exposed to sale be bought by my legatees only. I give my executors power to sell the above named property on such credit as they may think will most promote the interests of my estate.

Thirdly I will and bequeath to my beloved son Obadiah Turner $1/12$ part of my estate both real and personal, dividing the sum of \$1.50 from the said $1/12$ part of it, being the amount of money I paid Little Berry Stone for him.

4th, I will and bequeath to my beloved daughter Elizabeth King $1/12$ part of my estate both real and personal.

5th, I will and bequeath to my beloved son Stephen Turner $1/12$ part of my estate both real and personal.

6th, I will and bequeath to my beloved daughter Ione Helms $1/12$ part of my estate both real and personal.

7th, I will and bequeath to my beloved daughter Basheba Davis $1/12$ part of my estate both real and personal.

8th, I will and bequeath to my beloved daughter Ruth Hoy $1/12$ part of my estate both real and personal.

9th, I give and bequeath to my beloved son George C. Turner 1/12 part of my estate both real and personal.

10th, I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Mildred Ann Canaday 1/12 part of my estate both real and personal.

11th, I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Martha Canady 1/12 part of my estate both real and personal.

12th, I will and bequeath to my beloved son Wm. C. Turner one Dollar.

Also I will and bequeath 1/12 part of my estate both real and personal in the hands of my executors to be held and retained by them during the life of Wm. C. Turner and after his death to his heirs if any, if not to return to my estate.

I also give my executors power to apply all or any part of the above twelfth part to Wm. C. Turner's necessities if they think proper.

13th, I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Sarah A. Canady 1/12 part of my estate both real and personal.

14th, I will and bequeath to my beloved son James M. Turner 1/12 part of my estate both real and personal.

Lastly, I appoint my two sons Stephen Turner and James M. Turner my executors to this my last will and testament as witness whereof I set my hand this ——— 1854.

Testi.

Geo. Stanley
Jubal Turner

George Turner (Seal)

At a court held for Franklin County at the Courthouse on the 4th day of September, 1854, this last will and testament of George Turner Deceased was produced in Court and proved by the oaths of George Standley and Jubal Turner, the subscribing witnesses hereto and admitted to record, and on the motion of Stephen Turner, one of the executors named in said will (James M. Turner the other executor herein named refusing in Court to qualify as such) who made oath and gave bond and security conditioned according to law certificate is granted him to obtain a probate of said will in due form.

Inventory of George Turner Deceased.

An inventory of property of George Turner deceased made 8th day of September, 1854.

One Tract of land known as Guilliam's tract	\$350.00	1 pair hand irons.....	.50
25 head of sheep at 7/6.....	31.25	1 lot books.....	7.00
1 yoke of steers.....	50.00	1 bureau	5.00
1 colt	12.00	1 bureau	5.00
1 log chain.....	2.00	1 bedstead and furniture....	15.00
1 waggon	30.00	12 chairs and candle stand..	7.25
1 apple mill and cider trough	5.00	1 clock	7.00
3 hogsheads and contents..	7.50	1 desk and book case.....	10.00
10 empty hogsheads and old still.....	10.00	2 tables	3.00
1 Brand axe.....	2.00	1 cupboard and contents....	15.00
3 pairs gear 1 single tree..	4.50	1 bedstead and furniture....	12.00
1 lot cooper's tools.....	1.00	1 rifle gun and old gun barrel	14.00
4 Bee hives at 91.....	6.00	1 sorrel horse.....	75.00
1 lot bacon.....	15.00	1 gray horse.....	30.00
1 lot of kitchen furniture..	5.00	1 bay horse.....	50.00
11 head hogs at 12/.....	22.00	1 slave Libby (Expense)	
3 plows 22 coulters.....	5.00	1 slave Bob	150.00
8 hoes 2 shovels 21 cut saws	22.00	1 slave Jack.....	400.00
7 axes and lot of carpen- ter's tools.....	10.00	1 slave Clariborne	400.00
2 sythes and cradles.....	1.00	1 slave Lucy	250.00
1 set black smith tools.....	35.00	1 slave Sam.....	600.00
1 grind stone.....	1.50	1 slave Tilda	500.00
1 10 gallon pot.....	1.50	1 slave Spone.....	800.00
33 hog heads at 2.00.....	66.00	1 slave Lina.....	600.00
11 cows 2 calves.....	130.00	1 slave Martha	600.00
10 head of young cattle.....	60.00	1 slave Nsebi.....	600.00
1 bench screws and 2 chisels	.75	1 slave George.....	400.00
15 oot stocks at \$4.00.....	60.00	1 slave Perry.....	700.00
10 gallons brandy.....	5.00	1 bond on George C. Turn- er due May 22, 1854....	44.00
3 saddles and saddle bags	16.00	1 bond on Stephen Turner due May 22, 1854.....	29.60
1 pair steelyards.....	1.00	1 bond on Stephen Turner due October 31, 1853....	100.00
2 jugs honey.....	2.50	subject to credit \$29.90 paid October 31, 1853	
1 coffee mill 1 barrell.....	1.50	1 bond on L. F. Claibourne due October 15, 1854..	118.24
1 bedstead and furniture....	10.00	1 bond on Elizabeth King due August 13, 1854....	400.00
1 old chest dried fruit.....	12.00	subject to credit of \$30.00 paid August 13, 1854, Balance due August 13, 1854.	
1 bedstead, cord and lot wool	5.00	1 bond on Jeffry and Whit- field Turner for.....	37.25
1 lot bed clothing.....	20.00	Due May 1, 1852 sub- ject to credit of \$8.20 paid July 13, 1853.	
1 bedstead and furniture..	12.00		
1 old bedstead and furni- ture	12.00		
1 lot sheets and table cloths etc.....	3.00		
1 flax wheel.....	4.00		

1 due bill on Annslid Young due October 5, 1852.....	3.50	1 bond on Samuel Hoy due September 18, 1848.....	13.22
1 bond on Wm. Foster due December, 1840.....	1.90	1 bond on Jos. Nunn and Mary Nunn due Feb- ruary 21, 1844.....	171.00
subject to credit of .70 cents paid January 26, 1842.		Cash on hand by ap- praisement	\$795.00
1 bond on Luke Standley due September 18, 1848	6.65	Also \$1.50 cash value uncurrent money..	1.50
1 bond on Wm. Street and Stephen Trumbull March 1, 1843.....	325.00	Inv. Con. November 15, 1854	
1 bond on Littleberry Stone due March 4, 1854	172.00	1 barn of tobacco.....	\$ 50.00
		1 barn of tobacco.....	40.00
		1 lot of corn.....	82.50
		1 lot of shucks.....	2.00
		4 blade stacks.....	8.00
		4 top stacks.....	5.00

Signed

N. G. McGiffin

Samuel Prillman

George Stanley

January 1, 1855

The brothers and sisters of George Turner, son of Wm. Turner, were:

James Turner married three times, a James, a Philpot, and a Woods.

John Turner

Martha Turner married a Philpott

Betsy E. Turner married an Ingram

Josiah Turner married

Adelpha Turner married LaShores Turner*

Sally Turner married a Snyder

William Turner married

Jane Turner married a Stone

Andrew Turner married Frances Holland (decendent Morton W. Turner, Roanoke, Va.)

Meshek Turner married Nancy Martin sister of Lucinda

Martin Pyrtle wife of Barton Pyrtle†

Elkanney Turner married a Hurd, a Wingifeld

Infant son died

* The children of Adelpha and LaShores Turner were Wilson Turner, Owen Turner, who married a Nash and Nancy Turner, who married Wm. Thomasson.

The children of Nancy Turner Thomasson and Wm. Thomasson were:

Jane Thomasson married Wm. Dyer
Adelphia Thomasson married Thomas Draper
Wilson Owen Thomasson married Julia Beach†
Martha Thomasson married Benjamin Stultz
Nancy Thomasson married Jos. Hardy
Alked Thomasson married Elizabeth Brown
Elvira Thomasson
Emma Thomasson married Jos. Nunn
Infant boy died.

† The children of Wilson Owen Thomasson and Julia Beach Thomasson are:

George Wm. Thomasson died 1907
Owen Turner Thomasson married Elizabeth Nunn
Archie C. Thomasson married Minnie Nunn
Orin Thomasson married (1) Martha Metz, (2) Nancy Mason
Frank Thomasson married Cassanda Metz
Nancy E. Thomasson married George F. Carter
Annie Thomasson not married
Julia M. Thomasson married Wm. Craig
Adelphia Jane Thomasson not married
Elsie Fountain Thomasson married George Metz

‡ The children of Meshek Turner and Nancy Martin Turner were:

Lucinda Turner married Bob Ross—9 children. Rev. Lee Ross, Bassett, Va., is a son.

Andrew H. Turner married Martha E. Prillannan—9 children. Son C. M. Turner and family live on the original Wm. Turner plantation two miles from Henry, Va.

Jane Turner didn't marry
Serepta Turner married Henry Smith—3 children
(a) Mary Turner married Dave Goode—9 children
Wm. Turner married Frances Goode—2 children
John Turner married Mary Jamison—large family
(c) Hershey Turner married James Gardner—8 children
Ann Turner married George Prillaman—large family
Betty Turner married Tom Hatcher
Texas Turner married Jim Young
(a) The children of Mary Turner Goode and Dave Goode:
Peter Goode married in West Virginia
Gardiner Goode married Callie Bet Williams
Fanny Goode married Tom McGee

Louise Goode married Pleasant Mason

Nanny Bet Goode married Wiley Woody

Florence Goode married Ernest Scott

(b) Benjamin Goode married Fannie Ross

Jos. L. Goode married Martha Jane Eggleston

Solomon Goode married Lulu Davis

(b) Children of Benjamin Goode and Fannie Ross Goode are:

Catherine Goode Teacher in Henry county, Virginia

Beatrice Goode teacher in Henry county, Virginia

Mabel Goode teacher in Henry county, Virginia

Virgil Goode teacher in Henry county, Virginia

Clifford Goode County Superintendent in Henry county, Virginia

Maury Goode married Grace Ramsay

(c) The children of Hershey Turner Gardiner and James Gardiner are:

Edwin Gardiner married Sisly Ramsay—large family

(d) Texas Gardiner married Ed. Frith—6 children

Emma Jane Gardiner died at 6 years of age

Iowa Gardiner married (1) Ferd Cook, (2) Easel Bondinand,

(3) Wm. H. Respiss—4 children

Alberta Gardiner married Eliza Gardiner—4 children

Anna Laura Gardiner married Wm. Ransay—9 children

Betty Gardiner married Jess Copeland—6 children

J. S. Gardiner married Nora Shelton—1 child

(d) The children of Texas Gardiner Frith and Ed Frith are:

Jim Frith married Cassie Frith—8 children

Lee Frith married Willie Mason

Lulu Frith married Wesley Ramsay—6 children

Luce Frith married Burlie East—7 children

Mary Frith married (1) Tobe Love (2) Harry Mills—7 children

Uel Frith married Ada Nunn—2 sons, Burness and Coy.

The writer regrets that she does not have even more of the Turner family records.

Basheba Turner daughter of George Turner and Millie Stone Turner was born October 18, 1810 and married Sampson J. Davis in 1836.

James M. Davis, son of Sampson and Basheba Davis dictated the following to the writer August 13, 1903:

"Captain George Turner, my great grand father, was born

in Franklin County, Virginia Oct. 17, 1776. He married Millie Stone, born March 3, 1780, and five sons and six daughters were born.

Obadiah Turner, born Sept. 24, 1802; George Turner, born in 1814; Stephen Turner, born in 1806; and James M. Turner, born in 1827, all married and reared families. Creed Turner went west into Texas.

Betsy Turner married Solomon King and reared a family of five children. The oldest son, Allen King, went to West Virginia. His wife was an Oxley. One daughter was Emma King who married a May.

Martha King married Harvey Turner and went to Iowa. George King married Ona Prillman. Lizzie King married Creed Lemon and lived at Ferum, Franklin county, Virginia.

Jane Turner married Dan P. Helms.

Millie Turner married Peter Kennedy.

Basheba Turner married Sampson J. Davis 1836. They reared a family of eight children in Franklin County, Virginia. They were Adeline, Louvica, Elizabeth, Solomon, Loutisha, Benjamin, James Davis, Ruth Davis. Basheba Turner Davis died September 21, 1885, and is buried in Davis graveyard on Davis plantation in Franklin County.

Sallie Turner married Jas. A. Kennedy. They reared a family of children. Later they moved to Lee County, Virginia.

Martha Turner married Jas. Kennedy and moved to Missouri. She had a family.

Captain George Turner had brothers, Josiah, Meshek, John, William, Andrew (grand father of Morton W. Turner), and Elkanney. John and Elkanney were Primitive Baptist preachers. Elkanney's son Z. T. Turner, is the present pastor of the Primitive Baptist church at Reed Creek, Virginia. (He died July 28, 1911.)

Captain George Turner's sisters were Jane, who married Mr. Fifer, a veteran in the War of 1812. Delphi married Leshores Turner, another veteran of War of 1812.

John Turner was brother of Elkanney Turner. His grandson A. B. Philpot is a Primitive Baptist preacher of some note in Philpot, Henry County, Virginia."

The history of Basheba Turner Davis and Sampson J. Davis will continue in the "Davis Family History" of this volume.

ANOTHER VIRGINIA FAMILY

THE MARTIN FAMILY

William Martin and his wife Sarah Dodd Martin lived in Henry County, Virginia prior to the Revolution. The romantic love story handed down in the Martin family, is that the young and pretty Sarah Dodd, of Rockingham County, North Carolina, was travelling along the North Carolina road, by stage coach with her father, to White Sulphur Springs. Mr. Dodd who had lost his health, while in service in the Revolutionary War, was on his way to the medicinal springs, known even in those early colonial days. As evening came on, the Dodd family stopped for the night with the Martins. Young William Martin of this household, and Miss Sarah, became so interested in each other, that Miss Sarah was not in as big a hurry to continue the journey, the next day, as was the sick old soldier father. On their return trip, after some weeks at White Sulphur Springs, the Dodds again enjoyed the hospitality of the Martin home. The second visit was prolonged, as Miss Sarah persuaded her father that he needed, not a few hours rest, but several days. This well known North Carolina road was the mail route in those days, and infrequent letters passed between the young people, after Miss Sarah returned to her North Carolina home. William Martin Sr. gave William Martin Jr. permission, a year later, to go to North Carolina and bring home a bride. She brought with her china, books and furnishings that were luxuries in those days. Her grand children and great grand children called her the "aristocratic grandmother." Grandmother Hershey Gardner and Cousin Flora Ayers assure me that this romance is not fiction but the actual truth.

The Henry County, Virginia records show that William Martin died in 1783, the date of the inventory of his estate is September 10, 1783. Hugh Martin, brother of William Martin married Jane Craig—issue Thomas, Sam, and Jane. Bob Martin went to Georgia. Jennie Martin married a Peake.

The children of William Martin and his wife Sarah Dodd Martin were:

Constantine Martin married Judith Turner

Earley Martin married Dolly Pyrtle

Bailey Martin married Mary Dyer
Lucinda Martin married Barton Pyrtle
Nancy Martin married Meshek Turner
Sally Martin died in infancy.

The children of Constantine Martin, son of William and Sarah Martin and Judith Turner Martin:

William Martin killed in Confederate Army
Thomas B. Martin married Fanny Lucy Martin—one child
Nancy J. Martin unmarried
Harriett Martin unmarried
Amelia Martin
George W. Martin
Lucinda Martin married Bob Mitchell
Elvira Martin married John Lee Edwards
Luella Martin married J. Philpott—eight children
John C. Martin married

Flora Martin married J. J. Ayres, son is L. C. Ayres, Division Superintendent N. & W. R. R., Roanoke, Virginia; daughter Mrs. Flora Clark, Figsboro, Virginia.

Sarah P. Martin

The children of Early Martin, son of William Martin and Sarah Dodd Martin, and his wife Dolly Pyrtle Martin:

Sally Ann Martin married Whitfield Turner—2 children
John P. Martin married Mary Coleman—6 children
Lizzie Martin married Sam Ogelsby
Julia Martin married Sam Wright—5 children
Nannie Martin married Joe Quick—5 children
Adelia Martin married Wick Davis—2 children
Skelton Martin married Martha Fisher—8 children
Palmyra Martin married Andy Quick—4 children
Tim Martin married Eliza Creeck—3 children
William Martin married Mary Cahill—8 children

*George L. Martin married Fanny Bates—8 children

* Issue of George L. Martin and Fanny Bates Martin:

Lulu Martin married Ed Waymire—2 children
Charles Martin married Susie Hannar—1 child
Marvin Martin married Grace Prophet
Annie Martin married Warren Wilson—4 children
John Martin
Walter Martin married Una Bundy
N. Martin married Florence Fletemeyer

Geneva Martin

(3) The children of Bailey Martin, son of William Martin and Sarah Dodd Martin and Mary Dyer Martin:

Nancy Martin unmarried died age 85 years

Sarah Martin unmarried died age 83 years

Mollie Martin unmarried died age 19 years

William (Buck) Martin unmarried died age 82 years

Buck Martin died in Pettis County, Missouri in 1924. The administrator of the will left by Buck Martin wrote under date of December 7, 1925; "This estate consists of a farm of 160 acres of land and about \$96,000 in cash and Liberty Bonds. The deceased had a will and bequeathed the farm and about \$22,000 to relationship, which he especially wanted to remember. The balance of the estate goes to his first cousins or their bodily descendants. I think the number of first cousins will be somewhere between 75 and 80. The estate will be distributed sometime in May 1926."

The children of Lucinda Martin, daughter of William Martin and Sarah Dodd Martin, and her husband Barton Pyrtle:

William P. Pyrtle died in the Confederate Army—issue 2 children

Lewis W. Pyrtle died in the Confederate Army

Lucinda M. Pyrtle died in California age 74 years

Jas. A. Pyrtle married Elizabeth Davis (history given in Pyrtle and Davis and Turner histories of this volume)

Mary M. Pyrtle married F. Parcell—issue William A. Parcell
F. M. Parcell

John M. Parcell

Mrs Lucindy Parcell Gregory

Mrs. Mary Parcell Ashworth

Mrs. Sarah Parcell Metts

Mrs. Julia Parcell Danar

TURNER HISTORY

(Continued from page 43)

Morton W. Turner, son of Callohill Hunter Turner and wife Julia Anne Menefee Turner, grandson of Andrew Turner and Frances Holland Turner, great grandson of William Turner and Jane Hunter Turner, and great great grandson of Shadrack and Ann Turner, resides with his wife and daughter at 614 Grandin Road Raleigh Court, Roanoke, Virginia. He is chairman of the executive committee and Vice President of the Colonial-American Bank, President of the Union Home Land Company, President of the Valley Land and Investment Company, President of the Franklin Court Land Corporation, and a director in a number of other investment companies in Virginia.

Mr. Turner has lived practically all his life in Roanoke and has been an important factor in the growth and development of the small village of "Big Lick" to the present metropolitan city of Roanoke. He is a Baptist and interested in promoting all enterprises that result in better citizenry for Virginia and the nation.

